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SUBJECT: UAE PRESIDENT SHEIKH ZAYED: HEALTH UPDATE

Ref: Albright-Jones 10/16/03 e-mail

(U) Classified by Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba, Reasons  
1.5 (b) and (d).

1. (S) The Ambassador learned from MinState for Foreign Affairs and (newly appointed) Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan that his father, President Zayed, had an operation the morning of October 19 and was resting comfortably in a private wing of a UAE hospital in London. President Zayed is accompanied by his wife, Sheikha Fatima, and two of his sons, Sheikh Mansour and Sheikh Hazaa.

2. (S) According to Sheikh Hamdan, who met with the

Ambassador the evening of October 19, the surgeons had to remove the entire gall bladder because there were too many stones. Therefore, it seems the President underwent invasive surgery and not just a laser procedure to remove stones, as Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, Armed Forces COS and one of Sheikh Hamdan's older brothers, told the Ambassador October 16 (see reftel). Sheikh Hamdan said his father had been in a lot of pain and discomfort with the gall bladder stones that made it difficult for him to move. Physicians said he could leave the hospital as early as the next day (Oct. 20), but Sheikh Hamdan said the family wants President Zayed to stay in the hospital for a few days.

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